

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submit with this response an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(d) based on newly cited references cited January 18, 2011 in a corresponding application in Japan. The required statement under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and (e)(1) form part of the IDS. The required fee under 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), and any other fees due with this submission, may be charged to Deposit Account 23-1665.

Applicants note that these newly cited references were cited but not applied in the corresponding Japanese application.

Claim Amendments

Following entry of the above amendments, claims 1-3, 7, 10-11, 14-33, 35-41, 47, 49, 52-54, 56, 58, 59, and 60 remain in the application for consideration. Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 14-18, 22, 23, 28, and 29 are herein amended.

Rejections Moot or Withdrawn

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of mootness or withdrawal of previous rejections outlined in paragraphs 3-6 of the present office action.

Rejections Under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph.

Claims 1-3, 7, 10-11, 14-33, 35-41, 47, 49, 52-54, 56, 58, 59, and 60 were rejected as not particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter of the invention. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that it was not clear whether the recitation of amino acid positions in the claims was relative to SEQ ID NO:1 or some other sequence encompassed by the claims.

In response, Applicants herein amend claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 14-18, 22, 23, 28, and 29 to specifically recite that the numbering positions are relative to SEQ ID NO:1. Applicants now submit that this rejection is overcome.

Applicants now submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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